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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1 1. (Currently Amended) An audio player comprising:
2 an ear module formed to be entirely supported by an ear, the
3 ear module comprising:
4 a speaker;
5 a memory for storing digitized audio; and
6 a player coupled to the speaker, battery and memory that
7 provides audio signals to the speaker based on the digitized
8 audio.

1 2. (Currently Amended) The audio player of claim 1 wherein
2 the ear module comprises a device selected from the group
3 consisting of an in the canal device, a completely in the canal
4 device, and an in the ear device, ~~and a behind the ear device.~~

1 3. (Original) The audio player of claim 1 wherein the ear
2 module comprises an ear bud having an ear clip.

1 4. (Currently Amended) An audio player system comprising:
2 an ear module formed to be entirely supported by an ear; and
3 a hub supported by the ear module that provides audio signals
4 to the ear module based on stored digitized audio signals.

1 5. (Original) The audio player of claim 4 wherein the ear
2 module comprises a speaker, and wherein the hub comprises a
3 controller that converts the stored digitized audio signals to signals
4 useable by the speaker.

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1 6. (Original) The audio player of claim 4 wherein the stored
2 digitized audio signals comprise signals in a format selected from
3 the group consisting of MP3 (Moving Picture Experts Group Layer-3
4 Audio), RA (RealAudio), WMA (Windows Media Audio), ASF
5 (Active Streaming Format), AU (Audio file), AUD (Audio file), AIF
6 (Auxiliary Information File), ASX (Active Streaming XML), ASF
7 (Active Streaming Format (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical Instrument
8 Digital Interface), RMI (Real Music Interface), SND (Sound file)
9 WAV (Windows Audio Volume) WAX (Windows Audio Executable),
10 or WM (Windows Media) signals.

1 7. (Original) The audio player of claim 4, wherein the hub
2 comprises connectors for supporting and communicating with
3 peripheral devices.

1 8. (Original) The audio player of claim 7 and further
2 comprising a peripheral device coupled to the hub.

1 9. (Currently Amended) An audio player system comprising:
2 an ear module formed to be entirely supported by an ear;
3 a hub supported by the ear module that provides audio signals
4 to the ear module based on stored digitized audio signals;
5 a peripheral device supported by the hub.

1 10. (Original) The audio player of claim 9 wherein the
2 peripheral device is electrically coupled to the hub and is selected
3 from the group consisting of a solar collector, battery, memory. RF
4 receiver, RF transmitter, RF transceiver, data connector, memory
5 carrier, ROM music release, display device, and control device.

1 11. (Original) The audio player of claim 9 wherein the hub
2 comprises a player capable of playing signals in a format selected

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3 from the group consisting of MP3 (Moving Picture Experts Group
4 Layer-3 Audio), RA (RealAudio), WMA (Windows Media Audio),
5 ASF (Active Streaming Format), AU (Audio file), AUD (Audio file),
6 AIF (Auxiliary Information Tile), ASX (Active Streaming XML),
7 ASF (Active Streaming Format (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical
8 Instrument Digital Interface), RMI (Real Music Interface), SND
9 (Sound file) WAV (Windows Audio Volume) WAX (Windows Audio
10 Executable), or WM (Windows Media) signals.

1 12. (Original) The audio player of claim 9 wherein the
2 peripheral device is formed to appear as jewelry.

1 13. (Original) The audio player of claim 12 wherein a musical
2 band records music on peripheral devices formed to appear as a line
3 of jewelry.

1 14. (Currently Amended) A peripheral device for an ear
2 supported digitized audio player, the peripheral device comprising:
3 a connector adapted to connect to the audio player in a
4 suspended relationship from the audio player; and
5 a memory coupled to the connector that stores digitized audio,
6 the memory being suspended from the connector to suspend the
7 memory from the audio player.

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1 15. (Original) The peripheral device of claim 14 wherein the
2 digitized audio is stored in a format selected from the group
3 consisting of MP3 (Moving Picture Experts Group Layer-3 Audio),
4 RA (RealAudio), WMA (Windows Media Audio), ASF (Active
5 Streaming Format), AU (Audio file), AUD (Audio file), AIF
6 (Auxiliary Information File), ASX (Active Streaming XML), ASF
7 (Active Streaming Format (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical Instrument
8 Digital Interface), RMI (Real Music Interface), SND (Sound file)
9 WAV (Windows Audio Volume) WAX (Windows Audio Executable),
10 or WM (Windows Media) signals.

1 16. (Currently Amended) A peripheral device for an ear
2 supported digitized audio player, the peripheral device comprising:
3 a connector adapted to connect to the audio player in a
4 suspended relationship from the audio player;
5 a memory coupled to the connector that stores digitized audio,
6 the memory being suspended from the connector to suspend the
7 memory from the audio player; and
8 a decorative enclosure for the memory.

1 17. (Original) The peripheral device of claim 16 wherein the
2 digitized audio is stored in a format selected from the group
3 consisting of MP3 (Moving Picture Experts Group Layer-3 Audio),
4 RA (RealAudio), WMA (Windows Media Audio), ASF (Active
5 Streaming Format), AU (Audio file), AUD (Audio file), AIF
6 (Auxiliary Information File), ASX (Active Streaming XML), ASF
7 (Active Streaming Format (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical Instrument
8 Digital Interface), RMI (Real Music Interface), SND (Sound file)
9 WAV (Windows Audio Volume) WAX (Windows Audio Executable),
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1 18. (Original) A method of packaging music comprising:
2 obtaining music in a digital format;
3 storing such digital format signals on a memory device
4 ~~adapted to be supported by an ear supported digitized audio player;~~
5 ~~and~~
6 encapsulating the memory device in a decorative enclosure;
7 and
8 suspending the memory device from a digitized audio player
9 entirely supported by an ear of a user of the player.

1 19. (Original) The method of packaging music of claim 18
2 wherein decorative enclosures for a selected recording group are
3 similar.

20. (Cancelled)

1 21. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the digital
2 format is selected from the group consisting of MP3 (Moving
3 Picture Experts Group Layer-3 Audio), RA (RealAudio), WMA
4 (Windows Media Audio), ASF (Active Streaming Format), AU
5 (Audio file), AUD (Audio file), A1F (Auxiliary Information File),
6 ASX (Active Streaming XML), ASF 20 (Active Streaming Format
7 (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface), RMI
8 (Real Music Interface), SMD (Sound file) WAV (Windows Audio
9 Volume) WAX (Windows Audio Executable), or WM (Windows
10 Media) signals.

1 22. (New) The audio player of claim 1 wherein the ear
2 module is free of any other structure providing support on the body
3 of a user when supported on the ear.

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1 23. (New) The audio player of claim 1 wherein a portion of
2 the ear module is inserted into the ear when supported on the ear.

1 24. (New) The audio player of claim 1 wherein the ear
2 module fits substantially entirely within the ear of the user when
3 supported on the ear.